

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Jason Haas, District 14

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SUPERVISOR HAAS INVITES PUBLIC TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF PARKS IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Free Lunch to Attendees Who Register at parksunconference.eventbrite.com

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor Jason Haas is reminding the public of his invitation to lunch and open discussion at the "Milwaukee Parks Unconference" event being held Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bucketworks, located at 760 S. 5th Street, Milwaukee. Lunch is being provided by local restaurant Transfer Pizzeria and Café.

"The appointment of a new, interim director of the Milwaukee County Parks affords us an ideal opportunity to discuss all parks throughout Milwaukee County," said Supervisor Haas. "To harness the strength of the people who love our parks, I'm organizing the first-ever parks 'unconference,' in which park users set the agenda and discuss the parks topics that matter to them."

The unconference is an unscripted event. In the truest sense of crowdsourcing, the attendees will create the agenda, and then do all the talking in group discussions. The afternoon will be devoted to generating ideas and to creating action items based on those ideas.

"My hope is that this unconference produces new ideas for how we can use our parks, and will spur folks into action to help make them even better," explained Supervisor Haas. "The people who use the parks have solid thoughts about what's best for this important community resource."

Supervisor Haas noted that District 14 encompasses nine county parks – plus, part of the Kinnickinnic River Parkway -- and borders South Shore Park to the north. Additionally, Grant and Maitland Parks are located adjacent to the district.

Registration and details can be found parks unconference.eventbrite.com or by calling his office at 414-278-5231.

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